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SUBJECT: ROK TRADE RESTRICTIONS ON FISHERY PRODUCTS

REF: STATE 80741

1. OFFICE OF FISHERIES ANNOUNCEMENT NO. 4 FOLLOWS:

"REVISED EXPORT/IMPORT GUIDELINES FOR MARINE PRODUCTS FOR
THE FIRST HALF OF 1978 (REVISION TO OFA ANNOUNCEMENT NO.

3, 2/17/78):

MARCH 8, 1978

CCCN	ITEM	EXISTING GUIDELINES	REVISION
03.01	FISH, FRESH	1. IMPORTS ALLOWED OF (LIVE OR DEAD) LIVE FISH FOR CHILLED OR CULTURE IN FRESH WATER, FROZEN THOSE OF WHICH APPROVED BY DIRGEN OF OFA IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE 15, SEC. 2 OF FISHERY RESOURCES PROTECTION DECREE AND THOSE WHICH ARE APPROVED BY THE LADM. OF OFA IN ORDER TO STABILIZE THE DOMESTIC PRICES OF MARINE PRODUCTS.	1. NO CHANGE

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2. OTHERS ARE EXCLUDED. 2. THE FOLLOWING

ARE AUTOMATIC
IMPORT APPROVAL
ITEMS:

A. COD

B. HERRING
3. OTHERS ARE
EXCLUDED.

2. EFFECT OF FOREGOING IS THAT COD AND HERRING ARE FREELY
IMPORTABLE AND ANY OTHER SPECIES IS IMPORTABLE IF OFA ISSUES
A LICENSE. IT WILL ISSUE LICENSES ON BOTTOM FISH SUCH AS
POLLACK AND COD-LIKE FISH.

3. DUTY IS 30 PERCENT AD VALOREM AND IS REFUNDED ON ANY
FISH FOR EXPORT PROCESSING.

4. THE FOREGOING REPRESENTS A FIRST STEP, INASMUCH AS THE
NORTH PACIFIC FISHERIES ASSOCIATION HAS RECENTLY BEEN REQUESTED
TO RECOMMEND TO DIRGEN SHIN ANY OTHER SPECIES OF DISTANT
WATER DEEP-SEA FISH NOT NOW LANDED IN ROK WHICH ITS MEMBERS
WOULD LIKE TO MARKET IN KOREA AND WHICH COULD REDUCE UPWARD
RETAIL FOOD PRICE PRESSURES. IN ORDER TO AVOID HARDSHIP TO
COASTAL FISHERMEN, ADDITIONAL SPECIES TO BE CONSIDERED FOR
LIBERALIZATION WOULD NOT INCLUDE THOSE ALSO CAUGHT LOCALLY.
BECAUSE POLLACK IS CAUGHT LOCALLY IT HAS BEEN RETAINED IN
A RESTRICTED IMPORT STATUS.

5. ADDITIONAL RELAXATIONS WILL BE REPORTED AS THEY OCCUR.

6. POLLACK IS IN STROMG DEMAND AND KMIDC AND ROKG HOPE
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THAT NOAA CAN PROMPTLY APPROVE KMIDAC/DAVENNEY JOINT VENTURE
IN ORDER TO OPEN AN ADDITIONAL SUPPLY. EMBASSY RENEWS ITS
RECOMMENDATIONS OF EARLY APPROVAL IN THE LIGHT OF OUR
UNDERSTANDING THAT U.S. JOINT VENTURE POLICY HAS BEEN FINALIZED.
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